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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Nelsons Quarry, S/003/041, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Erickson:

Thank you for responding to our June 12, 1997 letter, regarding the deficiencies in your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations. Under your direction, Kris Nelson forwarded the deficient information to the Division. The application for the proposed Nelsons Quarry Project, located in the NW/4 of the NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 28, T14N, R17W, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah is now complete and no additional information is required at this time.

The variance section was not addressed in the original notice nor in the deficiency response letter. Therefore, we assume that you will adhere to all of the operation and reclamation practices. For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding the "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a Large Mining Operation could take from six to twelve months or longer.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is:

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Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116,
(801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure
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